

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
XINWU CHEN ET AL. ) : Examiner: Hadi Akhavannik  
Application No.: 10/716,671 ) : Group Art Unit: 2624  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, )  
APPARATUS AND STORAGE ) :  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed herewith. Prior to further examination on the merits, please consider the following remarks.